Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, Larry Schnabel has devoted his life to the betterment of his community, the caring and sharing with family and friends, and the day-to-day giving and loving which make South Dakota a great state in which to live and work; and,

Whereas, Larry began working with the Department of Transportation (DOT) as a 17-year-old high school graduate, attended college while working, and received his BA in Business. He has served the state of South Dakota for 45 years with only a 4-month interruption for the South Dakota National Guard; and,

Whereas, Larry began his employment as a temporary employee at the Mitchell parts room. He became a permanent assistant parts man, working his way up to supervisor, serving as maintenance analyst for 2 years, and became the business manager for the Mitchell Region office in 1991; and,

Whereas, Larry displayed unequalled patience in the last few years keeping a 45-year-old furnace and air conditioner in working order and was rewarded by gaining a full view of a brown generator which resembles an ice fishing shack blocking his view of the other buildings on the complex; and,

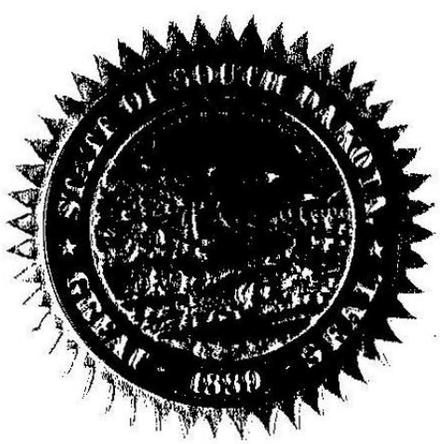
Whereas, Larry dedicated his entire working career to the DOT, and is retiring July 8, 2009, to pursue his hobbies of golfing at Lakeview Golf Course, fishing at Lake Mitchell, attending Dakota Wesleyan basketball games, spending time with his family, especially his four grandchildren, and serving as treasurer of his church; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 8, 2009, as

LARRY SCHNABEL DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State